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RESOLVES MADE BY SALEM CITIZENS

As Long and as Important as the
Constitution of the United States
---Want Paved Streets.

Conservative Enforcement of the Laws is Asked
for and Promised---Views on Liquor
Question Modified.

The law and order people held a meeting in Salem Seventh Day Baptist church last night. It was mostly of a political nature and had to do with the present municipal campaign in that town.

The attendance was fair considering the inclement weather and entertainments and society functions which were held at the same time.

Rev. W. M. Blair, pastor of the Baptist church, was the principal speaker. His address consumed a half hour. About a dozen other citizens made five-minute speeches.

A long and elaborate list of resolutions were adopted, which were about as long and important as the Constitution of the United States, as one who was there expressed it. These resolutions pertained mostly to paved streets and a conservative enforcement of the laws.

They adjourned to meet at the polls, they said, to elect their mayoralty candidates, S. Broadwater.

A member of the law and order party explains that what they mean by a conservative enforcement of the laws is that they want what might be termed a reasonable enforcement and nothing rabid about it, such as the old blue laws. In other words, while they want the laws enforced yet they will not insist that they be carried out to the letter.

The law and order party there openly admits that Mr. Broadwater may be for license but still they will do all in their power to elect him. It appears that their views on the liquor question in Salem have become somewhat modified within the past month and that not such a rigorous fight is to be made by them in the future against the sale of intoxicants in that town.

ITALIANS

Have a Scrap at the Columbia Mines.

Warrant Out For Arrest of Boarding House Keeper.

Some Italian miners had a scrap at the Columbia mines yesterday. It is alleged that Stephen Wortaski, a boarding house keeper, assaulted James Lab by knocking him down and kicking him after he was down. The assaulted swore out a warrant this morning in Squire Samuel W. Gordon's court for the arrest of his assailant. It was placed in the hands of Constable D. L. Mitchell to execute. It is the intention of the officer to make the arrest this evening, if he can find and identify the assailant of Lab.

New School Will Open

The new school building in Alta Vista is practically finished. It will be occupied by the East End school after the holidays. The holiday vacation lasts until the fifth of January, and on that date the new school will be opened.

MASONS

Elect Officers for the Ensuing Year.

Will be Installed at First Meeting in January.

Heron Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., held its annual election of officers Monday night for the ensuing year in Masonic hall. The attendance was large and the interest great.

Officers elected were as follows: W. B. McGregor, Worshipful Master.

J. Hornor Davis, Senior Warden. George R. Ogden, Junior Warden. C. W. Lynch, Treasurer.

James N. Hess, Secretary. A. M. T. Cunningham and S. F. Reed, Stewards.

E. K. Stout, Tyler. The newly elected officers will be installed Monday night, January 12.

NEW LEG

Will be Given Colored Man for Christmas.

John Harvey, colored, in the employ of Thomas G. Brady, arrived home last night from Cincinnati, where Mr. Brady had sent him to get an artificial leg. Harvey had one of his legs cut off a few years ago in the Grafton yards and has been using a wooden peg since then. Mr. Brady proposes to make him a Christmas present of the new artificial member at a cost, of \$100. At Cincinnati he had casts made so as to have the new leg as much like his real leg as possible. It will not be ready for use for about six weeks. Harvey had his head badly hurt at the time he lost his leg and wears a silver plate on it. The proposed present will be quite useful to Harvey and will be highly appreciated by him.

BRILLIANT

Speaker Will Fill First Presbyterian Pulpit.

Rev. John M. Mecklin, of Washington, Pa., will fill the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening. Dr. Mecklin has a chair in Washington and Lee University. He is said to be an unusually brilliant man and the people of this city will have by his coming an opportunity to receive a rare intellectual and spiritual treat. He will doubtless have big congratulations.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

To be Held at Goff Methodist Episcopal Church.

The annual Christmas entertainment given by and for the Sunday school of Goff M. E. church, will take place Wednesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. A very attractive program has been arranged and an enjoyable evening is anticipated by the school and its friends.

A special prayer and praise meeting will be held Christmas morning from 7 to 8 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

Fiduciary Matters

Clarence L. Ogden has qualified as administrator of William R. Ogden, deceased; bond, \$800.

C. S. Gribble has qualified as guardian of Jennie Romine, Blanche Romine and Ransel Romine, infants of James Romine, deceased; bonds, \$100 each.

GAS OFF

On Account of Bursting of one of the Pipes.

Mt. State Gas Company has a Bad Accident.

At midnight or shortly afterward the main gas line of the Mt. State Gas Company broke on the Stealy farm on the West Milford road a mile or more out of the city. The explosion was terrible and heard here with distinctness. It appears that the pipe had become worn and was too weak at that particular point to resist the immense pressure of the flow of gas. The blaze flared out over quite a space of ground, making it exceedingly dangerous to approach the leakage. The patrons of the company from that line were without fire on account of the accident for several hours. One of the engines at the electric light plant which is run by gas stopped operating on account of the accident too and there were many citizens and business houses without electricity.

The cause of the accident was the breaking of the reducing-pressure valve. The greater part of the day was taken up in repairing the pipe. There was much inconvenience and suffering.

The reducing valve and regulator house were entirely destroyed, a loss of several hundred dollars. The fire was not put out until 1 o'clock this afternoon and was done by shutting off the field pipe. A temporary connection is being put in and representatives of the company say the system will resume operation this evening.

The fire caused a great deal of discomfort. Many citizens had to either do without dinner or eat cold victuals and they had to drop in at their neighbors to keep warm.

MODEST SUM

Will be Appropriated for State University.

The following appeared in several of the state papers Sunday having been sent from Washington:

Under the agricultural appropriation bill the University of West Virginia is to receive \$3000 for experimental purposes. Twenty-five thousand is to be appropriated for the use of the various universities throughout the country.

The results obtained by the experiments will be reported to the department and will be inserted in the annual report of the secretary of agriculture.

HISTORY

Of the Appeal Case Recently Reversed.

In the suit of J. H. Morrison against the Clarksburg Coal & Coke Company, in which the decision of the lower court was reversed Saturday by the Supreme Court, the controversy is over a clause in the deed given by Arthur Cowan, original owner of the land, to the Parkersburg Company years ago. This clause provides for the payment of \$500 additional, whenever the surface or any part of it is used in the operation and mining of coal. Morrison made demand for this amount after the company had begun to operate on adjoining property and upon refusal to pay him the amount he brought suit in the circuit court here but Judge Mason decided against him. He then appealed it with the result that the case has been reversed. The point upon which reversal was made has not yet been learned.

DIRECTORS

And Officers of Clarksburg Building and Loan Elected.

Will Open Office for Business January 1.

The following Board of Directors of the Clarksburg Building & Loan Association have been elected by the stockholders for the ensuing year: John Koblegard, P. H. Koblegard, F. C. Gaylord, J. W. Williams, Dr. J. B. Smith, J. T. Drury, Wm. F. Alexander, R. L. Riggs, Dr. S. M. Mason, Wm. Brent, Stewart F. Reed, R. M. Orr and C. H. Kidd.

The Board of Directors have elected the following officers: John Koblegard, president; Frank C. Gaylord, vice-president; Stuart F. Reed, secretary and treasurer; R. G. Altizer, attorney.

A committee of the Board is now at work arranging to begin business by the first of January, and the public will be notified of the location of the office in a few days.

DEBATE

Of Amusing Nature Between Two Italian Miners.

Four plain drunks were up before Mayor Crile this morning. Two daggers from Ocean Mines came to town yesterday, bought a jug of booze apiece, and got out on a spree. This morning in police court the two foreigners and one jug showed up. After a fine of three dollars and costs had been imposed upon each, quite a linguistic wrangle ensued between the two men in their native tongue as to the ownership of the jug. The debate lasted some time and was amusing to the officers and the court. The man that was holding the jug, however, proved that immediate possession was nine points of the law, and walked out of the court with it. This rather dazed the senses of No. 2, and after Mayor Crile intimated that "Back to the Mines" would be the proper caper, he gathered himself together and went forth into the cold world. The other two drunks were fined the usual amount and jailed.

OFFICER SUED

For Alleged Violation of the Schedule Law.

A civil suit out of the ordinary has been instituted in Magistrate James N. David's court. E. G. Davis, of Salem, as agent for George A. Watson, of Parkersburg, but formerly of Salem, sues Constable J. E. Sutton, of Tenmile district, and his bondsmen, Silas Fittro and J. M. Morris, for \$235.42. The trial of the suit is set for 1 o'clock, p. m., January 17. It appears from the papers in the case that Watson scheduled his household goods and that Sutton disregarding the law in the matter sold the scheduled property under an execution.

Out on Crutches

Douglas Williams, son of J. W. Williams, the wholesale hardware merchant, is able to be out on crutches. He broke two bones in his left ankle at the opera house last Wednesday night. The accident happened while he was turning a somersault.

Funeral of Mrs. Reed

The funeral of Mrs. Cecil C. Reed will take place Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. The burial will be in the Holy Cross cemetery.

AT THE MERCY OF RAILROADS

Are the Coal Shippers of This Region---Baltimore & Ohio Directs
When Companies Shall Ship.

Hundreds More Miners Would be Employed, if the
Shortage of Cars Could be Overcome---Inter-
esting Interview.

WARRANT

Issued Against the Goods of Frank Hartwell.

Alleged That He Had Absconded--
Was in Coal Business.

Upon complaint of M. Frost, proprietor of the Family Liquor store, a distress warrant was issued Tuesday morning on the household goods of Frank W. Hartwell, who occupied Mr. Frost's house at 428 West Pike street. The warrant is for rent amounting to \$20. Walter F. Rau has also an attachment on the goods for about \$20. Hartwell was here engaged in the coal business. It is alleged he has absconded, as he has not been seen around here for some time. The goods were taken charge of at once, and after being properly advertised will be sold. The warrant was issued from the office of Squire Samuel W. Gordon.

FOR RENT

Mrs. Latstetter Obtains a Distress Warrant.

At the instance of Mrs. Elizabeth Latstetter, who owns the building in which are the offices of the West Virginia Refining Company whose plant is in course of construction at Northview, a distress warrant has been issued by Squire Gordon against the goods and chattels of B. F. Davis and W. W. Webster, representative of the company, for rent amounting to one and fifteen dollars. It is the intention to sell the goods if the rent is not paid.

CHICAGO

Buys Our Coal on an Extensive Scale.

C. O. Blackburn, representative of the Weaver Coal Company of Chicago who has been stationed here four or five months buying coal for his company and seeing that it is shipped promptly, left for his home in Chicago today to spend Christmas. It is a matter of interest to the public to know that he sends his company from 25 to 75 car loads of coal from this section daily. His orders are with the various companies in this region.

Express Heavy

Express matter was so heavy today on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad that it was necessary to run two sections of No. 3 passenger train from the East. The first section passed here on schedule time but did not stop. It was composed of a single passenger coach and several freight cars. The second section passed an hour late and was heavily loaded.

The local correspondent of the Wheeling Register publishes an interesting interview in reference to the shipments of coal from this region as given below.

The Register correspondent had a talk with a prominent coal buyer for this section this morning and was surprised to find the state of affairs that exists in this section of West Virginia. The man referred to represents a big coal company in Chicago and is here for the purpose of buying all the coal in this section for his company. He is not a transient visitor but has been here for several months and expects to be here for several months to come. Being a buyer of coal he knows the exact situation of the buyer, seller and shipper.

The first statement he made was the surprising one that there was not a coal company within fifty miles of Clarksburg that was getting one third of the cars that they could sell.

"To make it plainer," he said "for every 100 cars of coal now going out of central West Virginia now, there could be 300 cars going instead, if the B. & O. could move them. In other words, for every car sold now four could be sold. That would mean where one miner gets a hundred dollars a month four miners would be paid that much each. There would be four people at work where there is one now. In business there would be four times the amount done." The coal companies are at the mercy of the B. & O. They direct the shipper where to ship his product.

"A few days ago the shippers were all notified to ship fifty per cent. of their coal to the west. Some of the companies had no contracts in the west and were puzzled what to do. It is true that the West Virginia coal to the west is hauled through the coal fields of Ohio and Indiana, and it takes longer to get the cars back, but that is the orders from the B. & O. and the coal dealers can do nothing but submit."

Wedding Attendants

At the marriage of Mr. Virgil L. Highland and Miss Gertrude Morgan at the Baptist church the evening of December 31, Messrs. M. G. Sperry, Harvey F. Smith and Frank R. Moore will be the ushers, Mr. Cecil B. Highland, brother of the groom, best man, and Miss Beulah Morgan, sister of the bride, the maid of honor. Rev. J. L. McCutcheon, of Morgantown, will be the officiating minister.

Schools Suspend

The Adamston graded schools had to suspend today or freeze. They concluded to suspend. The trouble was that they had no heat. The building is heated by gas from the Mt. State Gas Company's system and the break in the pipe on the Stealy farm deprived them of fuel.

The regular meeting of Clarksburg lodge No. 482 B. P. O. Elks will be held this evening in the lodge rooms on Third street at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.